

Win, Lose, or Draw

By FRANCIS STANN
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Billy of the Ten Commandments

BRADENTON, Fla., Mar. 2.—If his record were not down in black and white in the record books it's easy to see how some folk might take a skeptical view of Billy Southworth as a baseball manager. There's no other dugout genius quite like the little guy who last season led the Boston Braves to their first pennant in 14 years. He's also a combination housekeeper, bookkeeper, philosopher and evangelist. Sitting in his spic-and-span little office just off the spic-and-span clubhouse at the Braves' spic-and-span training park, Southworth gives the impression that, if he detected a speck of Spanish moss wafted into his outfield, nothing else would be important until he could grab up a silent butler and remove the offensive strand.

He's never seen without his pencil and a clipboard, which is filled with names of 42 players and schedules for each man. He runs his training routine on a split-second basis and now he has seven managers of Braves farm teams down here to observe the master method of operation before reporting to their own clubs.

Yet he's a likeable cuss, friendly and easy to interview, and he gets more than his share of interviewing. By actual count there are 23 Boston columnists, baseball writers and cartoonists in the Braves' camp, with, of course, an approximate equal amount down the road in Sarasota with the Red Sox. The home-town press army, plus the wire service boys and the roaming writers from other cities, somehow, are accommodated with unfailing cordiality by Southworth and more is the wonder that he manages to punch the clock as punctually as his well-disciplined athletes.

'Just My Creed for Ball Players'

If Southworth suspects his methods are considered amusing by visitors, he gives no sign. When the Braves took time out for lunch yesterday, Billy was giving a rundown on the roster to a segment of the transient press. Suddenly he looked up at Billy Sullivan, publicity director of the Braves, and said:

"How about those 10 commandments, Billy?"

"I'll have 'em mimeographed this afternoon," promised Sullivan.

"Good," said Southworth. "Give a copy to each man on our roster. Post a few in the clubhouse where they'll be seen. Release them to the press if you like."

"What are the 10 commandments, Billy?" asked a newspaperman.

"Just my creed for ball players," explained Southworth. "I can recite them at a meeting, but the players forget. If each has a copy, there's no excuse for their not knowing what I'm trying to put across."

"Is this on the up-and-up? Asked an old-time newspaperman of Sullivan in an aside.

"Sure," answered the publicity chief.

"Shades of John McGraw," sighed the writer.

'When You Start to Slide—Slide'

Actually there are more than 10 commandments as authorized by Southworth. Preceding the commandments are the "seven cardinal sins of baseball." They are, as Sullivan read them off, fear, lust, jealousy, hate, malice, deceit and revenge.

The commandments are aimed more specifically at baseball. "No. 1," said Sullivan, reading from a master copy, "is this: 'Nobody ever became a ball player by walking after a ball.'"

A couple of cynics exchanged glances between taking notes. Then came the remainder:

"2. You'll never be a .300 hitter unless you take the bat off your shoulder."

"3. Outfielders who throw back of a runner lock the barn after the horse is stolen."

"4. Keep your head up and you may not have to hold it down later."

"5. When you start to slide—slide. He who changes his mind may change a good peg for a broken one."

Who Else Won a 1948 N. L. Flag?

Rule No. 5, it was carefully explained, wasn't aimed at Jeff Heath, who broke an ankle on a half-slide shortly before the World Series and was sorely missed. It . . . well it just applies to everybody. But to go on . . .

"6. Don't alibi on bad hops. Anybody can field good ones."

"7. Always run them out. You can never tell."

"8. Don't quit. A game is never over until the last out. (Ed. Note—This had a familiar ring.)"

"9. Don't find too much fault with umpires. You can't expect them to be as perfect as you are."

"10. A pitcher who hasn't control, hasn't anything."

"You mean to tell me," asked a press cynic, "that Southworth is directing these . . . well, commandments . . . at grown-up professional ball players?"

"Guess he is," replied another correspondent, frowning his notes. "I've got an open mind. Who else won a pennant in the National League last year?"

Pairings for Star Tournament

First Round Wed., March 2 Semifinals Fri., March 4 Finals Mon., March 7

Geo. Washington (7:20 p.m.) Wilson (7:30 p.m.)

Gonzaga (8:40 p.m.) Blair (8:50 p.m.)

Central (10 p.m.) Hyattsville (8:50 p.m.)

Washington-Lee (6 p.m.) St. John's (7:30 p.m.)

Championship (8:50 p.m.) Consolation (7:30 p.m.)

Louis' Retirement Stirs Up Bitter Promoting Brawl

By the Associated Press

MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 2.—Two world heavyweight boxing "champs" and a bitter brawl for financial control of the ear-scrambling trade are the likely results of Joe Louis' decision to retire and become a promoter.

The two "champs" probably will emerge from this scramble:

1. Winner of a 15-round Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott bout, to be promoted by Louis and his associates in June, will be recognized by the National Boxing Association.

2. Jack Solomons, British promoter, will claim the title for the survivor of a series involving Lee Savold, Bruce Woodcock and Freddie Mills.

Attitude of the New York State Athletic Commission, the only major ring group not associated with the NBA, is not definite. Chairman Eddie Egan probably will receive a copy of Louis' retirement today. He has indicated that he prefers an elimination tournament to select a champ, but expects no immediate action.

Louis touched off this wild scramble yesterday in surprising fashion when Abe Green, NBA commissioner, made public a letter in which the Brown Bomber formally resigned as champion.

In his letter to Greene, Louis wrote that he had entered a partnership with Arthur M. Wirtz and James D. Norris to form the International Boxing Club. He asked for and was given permis-

G. W. High Choice as Star Basket Tourney Opens

All Eight Teams Play Tonight in Struggle For Metro Crown

By George Huber

A display of high school basketball at its best will be presented tonight as the 17th annual Evening Star metropolitan interscholastic basketball tournament opens at University of Maryland's Ritchie Coliseum. The eight best schoolboy teams from Washington and vicinity, each a champion or runner-up for the championship in its own league, will show their top-grade brand of play in the four-game program starting at 6 p.m.

First game will be between St. John's, tied for the Catholic League title, and Washington-Lee, runner-up for Northern Virginia honors. Following in quick order will be George Washington, Northern Virginia champ and owner of a 20-game undefeated string, against Wilson, runner-up for the District public high title; Gonzaga, tied for the Catholic League crown against Blair, Montgomery County titlist, and Central, the District public high champion, against Hyattsville, Prince Georges County champion.

Winners of the four games will play in Friday night's semifinals for places in Monday night's championship game, which will follow a consolation between Friday's losers.

No Outstanding Favorite.

There is class all through that lineup and a favorite is not in sight unless it be the undefeated St. W. This was one year where strength was distributed evenly among all high school groups with the result that this promises to be the best Star tournament in the 17-year history of the event.

Oddly enough the Star tournament has been a stumbling block for some very good George Washington teams in the past. The Presidents had a really outstanding team in 1944, for example, but were nosed out by Eastern in the final. In 1946 they were upset by Wilson in a semifinal and last year another very good G. W. quint bowed to Central by three points in a semifinal.

So it is not without precedent that Wilson has hopes of ending the Presidents' remarkable winning string tonight. The Presidents have height in their favor—they'll be the tallest team in the tourney with every starting player 6 feet or over—but Wilson can match them with speed and balance. Leo Speros usually is Wilson's leading scorer, but all of the Tigers are counted on for a share of the point-getting. Wilson also has a fair amount of height with Jim Young one of its biggest and also one of its best at snaring rebounds.

Generals Shoot for Upset.

Also primed for an upset is the Washington-Lee team going against St. John's in tonight's first game. The Johnnies, defending tournament champions, must be listed as favorites in this one, but they are far from a shoo-in. The Generals have been looking for revenge ever since the Johnnies eliminated them in the first round of last year's tourney. Both teams have a fair amount of height, but both also have a little man as their outstanding player. Bob McLindon is the little man at St. John's, a swell floor leader and a magician with a basket ball, while matching him is Washington-Lee's Jim Utterback, a 5-foot-6 dead shot from outside.

There is little to choose between the teams in the other two games. Central probably has the outstanding player in high-scoring Jimmy Pantos, but it will be up against an especially good Prince Georges County champion in Hyattsville. The Hornets are big boys all down the line, starting with the 6-foot-4 "Tree" Adams and ending with 5-11 Warren Lytle.

The same goes for Gonzaga and Blair. Gonzaga has beaten Blair this season, but it was close, and Blair's Johnny Linton has shown in recent games that he's in a hot streak that could spell trouble for the Eagles. Gonzaga has some thing up its sleeve too, and its figuring on either Jim Larkins or Mike Nolan to match Linton's shooting.



NATS' TRAINING STARTS—Washington's baseball hopefuls were greeted with cold and windy weather as spring conditioning got under way yesterday at Orlando, Fla. Shown in this view of a "pepper game" with Coach Clyde Milan handling the bat are (left to right) Shortstop Sam Dente, First Baseman Eddie Robinson, Outfielder Sherry Robertson and Pitcher Sid Hudson.

Caps, Division Title In Hand, Encounter Bombers Tonight

By Burton Hawkins
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Lions Start Out Hot, Then Cool Quickly

The hapless Lions played one of their best games of the season last night—for a time. They held the St. Louis Flyers scoreless for the first session and even managed to go ahead in the second on Paul Mundrick's goal at 10:12.

But Paul Gladu tied it up at 18:55 of the second and the Flyers pushed across four more scores in the final to rack up a 5-1 victory. The Lions had one consolation. Very few people saw the game.

Coolidge Juniors Win

The Coolidge High School junior basketball team handed the Wilson High Juniors their first loss of the season, 59-54, yesterday at Coolidge.

Parker Off to Cairo

PARIS, Mar. 2 (AP).—Frankie Parker, American tennis star, has left by plane for Cairo to play in the Egyptian championships.

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Vengeful Loyola Five Battles A. U. Tonight In Tourney Feature

Games Tonight.

7:45—Hampton—Sydney vs. Bridgewater.

9:00—American U. vs. Loyola of Baltimore.

Results Last Night.

Hampton-Sydney, 57; Mount St. Mary's, 54.

Bridgewater, 69; Catholic U., 54.

American U., 84; Western Maryland, 60.

Loyola, 68; Roanoke, 50.

Loyola of Baltimore, favored to win its third straight Mason-Dixon Conference championship, meets the only team to defeat it in the last two seasons tonight when the Greyhounds face American University in the second semifinal tournament game at Catholic University at 9:30.

The first semifinal is between top-seeded Hampton-Sydney, still unbeaten in conference play and Bridgewater, which took advantage of Catholic U.'s crippled condition to complete a first-round sweep for the seeded teams.

Loyola beat A. U. for the title last year and in the semifinals of the Conference tournament the previous year. But the only regular season defeat suffered by the Baltimore team for the last two seasons was an annual beating by the Eagles. The series between these bitter Conference rivals now stands at 11-1.

Eagles on Record Binge.

American was the most impressive team on the floor in a big night of basketball that started at 5:30 and lasted until just short of midnight. The Eagles broke two Conference records with 84 points and 45 points in the second half and tied another with 33 field goals for the game. Western Maryland took an early 12-9 lead, but with Johnny Wakefield intercepting passes and holding a temporary hot hand, A. U. scored 12 straight points and won going away, with reserves filling out the last quarter. Ronnie Garshag and Leroy Ishman each scored 16 points for the Eagles and Ishman was a terror off the backboards.

Loyola had trouble with Roanoke before Jim Lacy, who hit one field goal for 11 shots the first half, started hitting in the second. Roanoke had a well-balanced team that held a 34-31 lead at one time in the second half. But Loyola scored the next nine points of the game. Lacy led Loyola with 16 points and Carl Plummer was high scorer with 15 points and outstanding otherwise for the Virginians.

Hampton-Sydney Given Scare.

Hampton-Sydney received the only full 40-minute scare of the seeded teams. Mount St. Mary's was considered the favorite among the District and Maryland teams (See MASON-DIXON, Pg. A-23).

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Bowie Fights Merger Of Pimlico, Laurel As Row Develops

By the Associated Press

BALTIMORE, Mar. 2.—An internal squabble over consolidation of Pimlico and Laurel horse racing tracks developed today with Bowie opposing the merger.

John W. Farrell, president of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Association which operates Bowie, said last night the group would actively oppose the consolidation before the General Assembly.

The Maryland Racing Commission last week informed Gov. W. Preston Lane, Jr., that the closing of Pimlico and transfer to Laurel was desirable for "strengthening" the State racing situation. It offered a bill to implement the transfer which the Governor said he would "favorably recommend."

Farrell, at a Bowie press reception, said:

"We are opposed to the concentration of so much power in one organization (the Maryland Jockey Club). Ever since the present management has been in power it has been seeking more. It will destroy racing in Maryland. Let's spread it out."

The Maryland Jockey Club owns Pimlico and a majority stock in Laurel.

Farrell said the proposed merger would result in too much concentration of racing in Southern Maryland.

"It would give Laurel 50 days, Marlboro (a half mile track) 10 days, and Laurel Raceway (a harness track) 20 nights."

The consolidation would leave the 100 days in Maryland split among three tracks instead of the present four with Laurel getting half.

Farrell said if Bowie was unsuccessful in blocking the merger, it would at least ask for equitable division of the 100 days among three tracks—33 day apiece.

The Bowie president said the association already had informed the Governor of its opposition and had begun agitation among the State Legislators.

Pantos, Nolan Receive Touchdown Awards

Jimmy Pantos of Central and Mike Nolan of Gonzaga were presented individual trophies last night by the Touchdown Club as players in last year's High-Prep championship football game were feted.

Pantos was selected as the outstanding back and Nolan as the outstanding lineman in the game won by Central, 26-6.

Quantico Wins Opener

QUANTICO, Va., Mar. 2 (Special).—Quantico Marines basketball team opened the best-two-of-three series against Bayonne Supply Depot for the East Coast Navy title by winning, 99-59, last night. Jackie Robbins was high scorer with 17 points.

Open County Loop Playoff

Tom's Auto and Grotto Grill start the three-game series for the Montgomery County Parks Basketball League championship with a game on Sunday at 8 o'clock at the Blair High gym.

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